



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78134

HUGHES, LAURENCE GERALD, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/700,548

Group Art Unit: 1615

Confirmation No.: 6075

Examiner: Azpuru, Carlos A.

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For: COATED IMPLANTS

RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Ex Parte Quayle Action dated October 5, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 52-92 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action dated July 11, 2005, the Examiner issued an Election of Species Requirement.

In the Response filed August 11, 2005, Applicant traversed the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement because the Examiner mischaracterized the claims.

During a telephone interview with the Examiner on August 11, 2005, the Examiner acknowledged that claims 39-56, 65-69, and 78-92 are directed to a method in which a cross-linkable polymer is formed from ethylenically unsaturated monomers of formulas I, II, and (not